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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Dear Ms. McCleskey:

Ambassador Shlaudeman asked me to reply to your letter of December 9, and I have encouraging information for you. On February 3 the Argentine Supreme Court ordered the Executive Branch of the Government either to release Dr. Alejandro Raul Isla (spelled without an "s" in the press report) from prison under libertad vigilada (the conditional release that you mentioned) or to let him leave Argentina.

It will probably be a few more weeks before the Executive Branch decides which option it wishes to use, but based on similar cases during 1982, I would think that the Executive Branch will release Dr. Islas from prison under libertad vigilada (similar to parole in the U.S.). For your information, even in cases where an opportunity to leave Argentina has been offered to prisoners, a large majority of the prisoners have opted to stay in Argentina rather than go into exile abroad.

We will let you know of the Executive Branch's decision in this case when we have all the details.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Allitto  
First Secretary

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